"I. Arbitration proceedings filed by National Fertilizers Limited in the International Court of Arbitration in NFL-KARSAN Deal

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): Hon. Members would recall the Statement made by the then Prime Minister, Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, while giving reply to the Motion of confidence in the Lok Sabha on 12th June, 1996, on NFL-KARSAN deal... *(interruptions)...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: A copy of the Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What is the Statement about?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have got a copy of the Statement. ...*(interruptions)*..,Just a minute, let me confirm it. ...*(interruptions)*... I will allow you; no problem. ...*(interruptions)*..*Mr.* Sanjay Nirupam, do you want to say something? ...*(interruptions)*... We will have clarifications in the next session.

RE. BHARAT RATNA FOR SHRI JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

श्री संजय निरूपम (महाराष्ट्र) : मैडम, बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद जो आपने मुझे मौका दिया बोलने के लिए । आज दोपहर को मैं रेडियो पर समाचार सुन रहा था । तो अचानक एक बहुत बड़ी खुश खबरी सुनने का मौका मिला । यह खुश खबरी यह है कि हिन्दूस्तान के एक बहुत बड़े स्वतंत्रता सेनानी और 1974 के बहुत बड़े जननेता लोकनायक जयप्रकाश नारायण जी को भारत सरकार ने भारत रत्न देने का फैसला किया है । मैडम, मैं सरकार के इस सराहनीय और प्रशंसनीय कदम के लिए सरकार को धन्यवाद देता हूं, बधाई देता हूं । जे.पी. महान थे और निश्चित तौर पर उनसे जुड़कर हमारा भारत रत्न और महान होगा । जे.पी. की सम्पूर्ण क्रांति का विचार मैडम, आज भी प्रासंगिक है । आज की सरकार में शामिल कई मंत्री सन् 1974 की क्रांति से जुडे रहे । आडवाणी जी यहां बैठे हुए हैं, वाजपेयी जी भी थे, जार्ज फर्नान्डीज भी थे । जाहिर है अगर कहा जाए कि ये जे.पी. के अनुयायी रहे हैं तो ऐतराज नहीं होना चाहिए । मैडम, मैं बताना चाहता हूं कि अगर आज की सरकार इस सम्पूर्ण क्रांति के नारे को पूरी तरह से हकीकत में बदलने का प्रयास करे तो शायद जे.पी के लिए बहुत बड़ी श्रद्वांजलि होगी । मैडम, मैं आपके माध्यम से इस सदन के माध्यम से भारत सरकार को धन्यवाद देता हूं, अभिनन्दन करता हूं कि उन्होनें देश के इस बहुत बड़े स्वतंत्रता सेनानी को बहुत अच्छी श्रद्वाजंलि दी, भले देर से सही । धन्यवाद ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have not got the official announcement. ...*(interruptions)*... One minute, I will allow. But as Mr. Sanjay Nirupam has said. ...*(interruptions)*... Dr. Manmohan Singh wants to say something. ...*(interruptions')*...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): If it is the decision of the Government, then it should have first come to either House of Parliament. ...*(interruptions)*. ..Why should it be released to the Press? Is it that the Government docs not want to say it in the House? ...*(interruptions)*... We should not be kept in the dark.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH) If the Home Minister... *(interruptions)*...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam. ...*(interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, this is not a good habit. The Leader of the Opposition got up to say something. Let him answer. If you want to say something, you can also say. There is no problem about it.

7.00 P.M.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Madam Chairperson has put a question to me. I feel extremely embarrassed to reply, because I am aware of the process

of decision-making ln this regard. I know ~ a thinking is there in this direction. But, I do not know how. a formal announcement is to be made and who is to make an announcement. After all it is likely. I presume it will be part of the announcement to be made on 26th January. That was my presumption. Therefore, it may not have been announced formally. But, since some television has said it, I could not say 'no'. 1 wanted to convey it to you that a thinking is there in that direction.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: It is very unfortunate *that...(Interruptions)*

SIIRI L.K. ADVANI: When the Chairperson asked me, I said, if I were to convey it, then it becomes official. Similarly if you were to announce it, it becomes official. But, in this case, if a Member is saying it, it is quite a different matter. I am aware that the thinking is in that direction.

SIIRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I would like to put it on record. I am not going to use harsh words, but I would like the Government to consider that this is not the way the whole thing should have gone.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He did not do it.

SIIRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This should not have been leaked. *(Interruptions)* My point is that such an important thing has been leaked. Why did it leak and how did it leak? It was an important thing. What is this?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Gurudas Ji, I tried to ascertain from the Government. That is why I did not say anything. Otherwise, do you think if such an official announcement conies, the House would not have talked about it.

Today I am very proud that our very very renowned scientist, Prof. Chandrashekhar, who is no more with us, who researched in Astro-physics, who got the Theory of Black Hole, which the world did not recognise 25 years ago, today the American Government has named their spaceship after him. We are very happy for that. We should be very happy and we should be proud Indians that the spaceship has been named after Prof. Chandrashekhar. And finally after j 25 years, when others also did the same research, his research was recognised and he was given the Nobel Prize. Anyway. I am very happy today for that.

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, let me say some points before I adjourn the House.

The session commenced on Monday, the 30th November, 1998, and we have had 18 sittings spread over more than 118 hours.

During the session, 98 Reports of various Parliamentary Committees were presented or laid on the Table of the House.

During the session we have passed 11 Government Bills and returned 6 Bills.

We had five Calling Attentions on:—

(i) The threat of American terminator seeds to Indian Agriculture.

(ii) "NAV of US-64 and Status of other schemes of Unit Trust of India affecting lakhs of small investors."

(iii) The reported decision of the Government to close down eight Central Public Sector Undertakings.

(iv) The alarming situation due to cracks in railway lines in different parts of the country and the resultant train accidents.

(v) The revival of sick units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited and Fertilizer Corporation of India.

We had two short Duration Discussions:—

(i) On Current economic situation and its implications on various' aspects